

NORRIS FOR COMMISSIONER

The Popular Patent Attorney and Democratic Leader Would be Acceptable to The Solid Citizens of The District—He Would Labor for a "Greater Washington"

Within the fewest of days the President of the United will name a Commissioner for the District of Columbia, to fill the place made vacant by the untimely death of Mr. John W. Ross. Many names are under consideration by Mr. Roosevelt, and it is likely that he will ponder well before rendering his decision in a matter that means so much for this suffragette reservation. His dearest wish is to select an official who combines unimpeachable integrity, unselfish devotion to the interests of the community and broad experience with a degree of personal popularity that will guarantee success.



Hon James L. Norris

to his administration of affairs and give satisfaction to the largest number of citizens who must deal with the executive departments of the District government.

According to the unwritten law, which the local authorities find best adapted to a non-partisan conduct of affairs, the new appointee must be a democrat. This being true, those entrusted with the power of choosing are endeavoring to pick out that democrat, who of all democrats will most efficiently discharge the onerous duties of the Commissionership, and at the same time, prove most acceptable to the masses who are to be served. The Colored American believes that, all things considered, the logical successor to Mr. Ross is the Hon. James L. Norris, a native Washingtonian, who for thirty years has given his best energies to the upbuilding and beautifying of the nation's capital. He has served in many fiduciary capacities, and his honesty is beyond question. He has been tried in the performance of duties of the most exacting character, and as a promoter of large events such as arranging for the inauguration of presidents, receptions to illustrious military and naval heroes, entertainment of massive organizations, he has shown an executive training and a regard for the hospitable reputation of the city that Washington needs in administering the still larger fields to be covered by a District Commissioner. Mr. Norris has the confidence of the business forces, the respect of both branches of Congress, and for years he has been foremost in the advocacy of the measures most essential to the continued prosperity of the people who

live and have their being here. Thus, he is perfectly equipped to take hold without preliminary instruction, of the problems that now harass the department of municipal affairs, looking to an improvement of conditions. Broad-gauged, liberal-minded, mentally brilliant, and considerate of the welfare of the high and low he would come nearer filling the chair of the revered Mr. Ross than any other man who might be appointed.

In democratic circles, Mr. Norris is the acknowledged leader, and has an honored seat in the councils of his party when national matters are to be weighed. He is the member of the national committee for the District of Columbia, is invariably a delegate to the national conventions of his party.

While a strict party man, his generous nature and intense love for fair play, have held in his grasp the warmest admiration of his political opponents, all of whom would be glad to see him made Commissioner.

He is highly acceptable to the colored people of the District, and should he be successful, The Colored American rest assured that the same lovable traits and benevolent spirit that so happily characterized Mr. Ross will be found active and alert in the administration of the Hon James L. Norris. Mr. Norris would make a splendid Commissioner for all, and it is hoped the President will appoint him.

A GRAND EXCURSION

To Lower Cedar Point, Monday August 18th. The new wharf is finished and there will be no future trouble in landing all Moseley's excursions at that place. Social Lodge, 1819 G U. O. of O. F., will celebrate their annual outing by giving a grand excursion to Lower Cedar Point, 70 miles down the Potomac River, on Monday, August 18th. The committee has secured the best available music for the occasion. The famous Monumental Orchestra will furnish the music. The steamer Jane Moseley will leave the new 9th street wharf at 9:30 a. m. sharp. All friends of the order are cordially invited. Fare for the round trip, 50 cents; children 25 cents. G. W. Thomas, chairman; A. A. Payne, secretary.

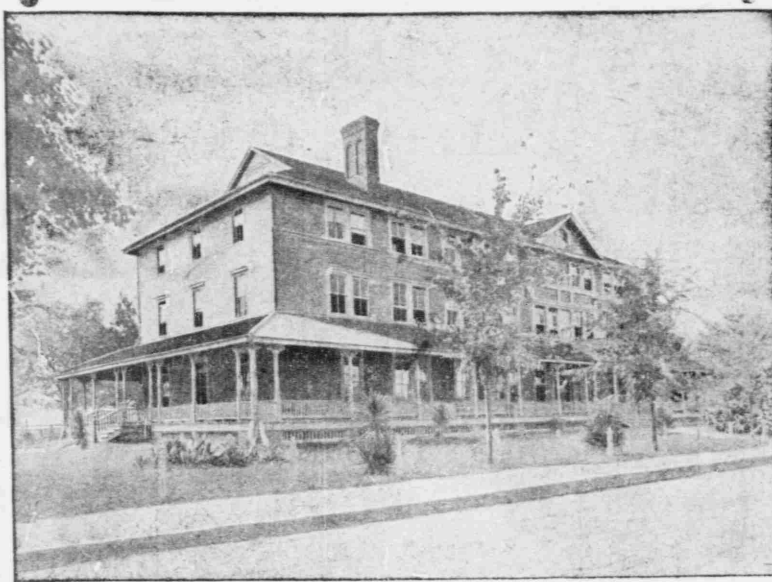
UNIQUE BAY RIDGE OUTING.

A merry party of pleasure seekers of Arlington, Va., spent a most delightful day at the Bay Ridge on Thursday, July 24th. Laden with baskets filled with dainties the party entered the Baltimore and Ohio depot where it was increased by city friends.

The day was bright and the air balmy. Cool, invigorating breezes were wafted from the lake. All of the sports afforded by the place were enjoyed, but the chief attraction of the day was crabbing. Everyone joined most heartily in this sport. Amid peals of laughter and outbursts of enthusiasm, crabs, large and small, were dipped from the lake in great quantities.

The party included Mr. and Mrs. Solomon Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. William Plummer, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. William Plummer, Jr., Miss Mattie Plummer, Rev. Alexander Hannum, pastor of the Lomax Chapel A. M. E. Zion church, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Boswell, Marion Branham, Mrs. G. W. Johnson, Mrs. Amanda Thomas, Miss Beatrice Thomas, Mrs. R. J. Thompson, Miss Gracie Thompson, Mrs. Mamie Carter, Mrs. Samuel Williams, Mrs. Mamie Richie, Miss Mary Peyton and the Misses Julia and Sarah Gray.

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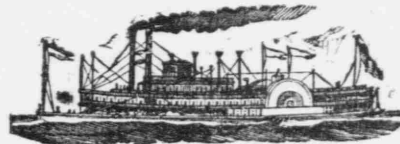
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